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1. The 1st Signal Regiment [Redacted] is located at Turnov. Known officer personnel are: 25X1

a. Commanding officer Lt. Col. Strojcek [Redacted] 25X1

b. Deputy Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Sindler [Redacted]

c. Chief of Staff Staff Capt. Karlas [Redacted]

d. Quartermaster Major Hradecky [Redacted]

e. Chief Physician Major MUDr Standek [Redacted]

f. Physical Training Officer Lt. Sucharek [Redacted]

g. Motor Pool Officer Lt. Kubat [Redacted]

h. Ammunition Officer Lt. Lusk [Redacted]

i. Political Education Officer Lt. Pribyl [Redacted]

2. The regiment has three battalions:

a. 1st Battalion, stationed in the Jiserma casernes [Redacted] Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Josef Koudelka [Redacted] 25X1

[Redacted] Deputy Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Imro Daltes [Redacted] 25X1
In 1945 the latter was deported to the USSR but he returned in 1947.

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- 1) 1st Company, [redacted] Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Jan Fokes, 25X1
[redacted] Deputy Commanding Officer is 1st Lt. Petr Lodny [redacted]
- 2) 2nd Company, APO 78/F. Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Inro Baites, who is also Deputy Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion.
- 3) 3rd Company, [redacted] Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Dobra, [redacted] 25X1
- 4) 11th Company, [redacted] Commanding Officer is Capt. Lipovsky, [redacted] 25X1
- b. 2nd Battalion, stationed in the Stefanik casernes [redacted] Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Jan Vavra, [redacted] a member of the former Western Army [redacted] Deputy Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Ornata [redacted] 25X1
- 1) 4th Company [redacted] Commanding Officer is Capt. Novak [redacted] 25X1
- 2) 5th Company [redacted] Commanding Officer is 1st Lt. Kusnikr, [redacted] 25X1
- 3) 6th Company [redacted] Commanding Officer is Capt. Base [redacted] 25X1
- 4) 7th Company [redacted] Commanding Officer is Staff Capt. Ornata, who is also Deputy Commanding Officer of the 2nd Battalion.
- c. 3rd Battalion, stationed at Kadan. Personnel is not known.
3. Until the end of March 1950, regimental training was given at the following schools:
- a. Telephone school for privates, located at the 4th Company of the 2nd Battalion in Turnov.
- b. Telephone school for non-commissioned officers, located at the 1st Company of the 1st Battalion. The course at this school was extended to the end of June 1950 by special order.
- c. W/T school for enlisted men, located at the 3rd Company of the 1st Battalion.
- d. W/T school for non-commissioned officers, located at the 3rd Battalion in Kadan. The course was extended to the end of June 1950.
- e. Teletype school, located at the Signal Regiment in Brno.
- f. Schools for telephone, teletype, and W/T mechanics, located at the signal training center at Nove Mesto nad Vahom.
- g. Schools for building telephone and telegraph installations, located at the 5th and 6th Companies of the 2nd Battalion at Turnov.
4. Training was given in these schools every day except Sunday and was theoretical as well as practical. Great stress was also laid upon political education, which was directed by the political education officer. Normal combat training was included in the overall training. At the end of March 1950, some of the students were assigned to the counterintelligence schools at Nove Mesto nad Vahom, where courses were started on 1 April 1950.

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5. The following equipment is estimated to be on hand:
 - a. Telephone cable:
 - 1) 300 drums of old German cable with linen insulation in poor condition; each drum has 750 m of cable.
 - 2) About 50 drums, each with 1,000 m cable of Czech make; insulation made of artificial material which broke easily.
 - 3) About 100 drums, each with 250 m of axial distance cable, former German PF cable; in good condition.
 - b. About 120 pieces of field telephone apparatus, of German origin and made of bakelite; in very bad condition.
 - c. 30 switchboards with 10 lines, 20 switchboards with 20 lines, 6-10 switchboards with 30 lines; all in good condition.
 - d. About 60 manual rollers; about 15 mounted rollers.
 - e. About 50 W/T stations.
6. Each soldier was equipped with a rifle model 98N, a bayonet, a helmet, and a gas mask, all being German war booty. Each company had about 7-10 German sub-machine guns, model 34N. No other weapons were seen at the regiment.
7. The regiment has the following transportation facilities:
 - a. 4 automobiles
 - b. About 20 trucks, type GAZ (Russian), Praga RN, Chevrolet, Man
 - c. About 10-15 Jawa 250 cm motorcycles
 - d. 40-60 horses
 - e. 20-30 military wagons

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